MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (i) Yes.

(ii) Owing to the high estimated cost for this short road of about two miles, sufficient funds could not be found. The lands alone were estimated to cost over Rs. 11,190 at the prices current in 1919. They may now cost more. Hence this work has to lie over in view of other more urgent needs.

Grievances of the Inhabitants of Mangalapuram.

41. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction have received copies of resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Mangalapuram, Tonnakkal, Trivandrum taluk, on the 3rd Kanni 1102, under the presidency of Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai, Member, Legislative Council; and

(*b*) what action has been taken by these officers in respect of the grievances and wants of the people of the place narrated in those resolutions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The works referred to in resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7 are under investigation. Resolution No. 5 refers to the work of repairs of Anathazha *chira*. This is a minor irrigation work and the people to be benefited by the work have to pay the half contribution leviable on completion of the work. But as the people concerned are unwilling to meet this cost, the Chief Engineer reports that the work has not been taken up.

The question of raising the standard of the Primary School for boys at Mangalapuram referred to in resolution No. 2 is under investigation by the Education Department.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) will the Government be pleased to call for a report as to whether this Anathazha *chira* does not irrigate more than one hundred acres of paddy land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Opening of Co-operative Societies on communal basis.

42. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): With regard to the opening of co-operative societies on communal basis, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received from each of the following communities in 1099, 1100, 1101 and 1102:—

(i) Nayars;
(ii) Catholics (including Syrians and Latinites);
(iii) Jacobites;
(iv) Other Christians;
(v) Ezhavas; and

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(vi) Mahomedans; and

(*b*) the number of applications allowed in each year to each of the above communities?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies states that the figures are not available.

(*b*) The subjoined statement furnishes the information required:-

Year.	*Nayars.*	*Christians.**	*Ezhavas.*	*Mahomedans.*
1099	37	13	15	...
1100	14	17	16	5
1101	12	15	12	3
1102	2	6	6	...

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): With regard to part (*a*) of the question, am I to understand that there is no register kept in the office of the Registrar to register the applications received?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has stated that he is not able to gather the information required by the member. He does not say that he does not keep a register. He is not able to collect the information according to the classification given by the member.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Then how was it possible for him to give information with regard to part (*b*) of the question?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He has got information with regard to that.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Does he actually keep a register to register these applications?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Then why is it difficult for him to collect the information?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He has not got information according to the denominational classification given by the member.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Is it on account of the number that it is difficult for him to give the information?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not exactly on account of the number but on occount of the classification.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): The applications will be according to separate communities. Then wherein lies the difficulty in collecting the information?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The register is not kept according to the several denominations of Christians.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Since the denominations will be mentioned in the applications, wherein lies the difficulty?

* Information is not available as to the classification of Christians into Catholics, Jacobites and other Christians.

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The particular sects may not be mentioned in the applications.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): The answer to part (*a*) is, "the Registrar of Co-operative Societies states that the figures are not available." Is it possible to collect the figures from the register?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is not possible since the applications do not give the particular denominations of Christians and the register is not maintained according to the several denominations of Christians.

MR. A J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Then was it not possible to give such a statement to part (*b*) also?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There also it is stated that information according to the several denominations of Christians is not available. It is given there under the general designation "Christians."

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Is it not possible to give the same answer to part (*a*)?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): But I do not find such a statement in regard to part (*a*).

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Registrar says he is not able to collect the information.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): What is the difficulty in the matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): We will ask him what the difficulty is.

Convicts in the Central Prison employed in Industrial Labour.

43. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the total as well as the average daily number of convicts employed in industries in the Central Prison during the year 1101?

(2) How many of these convicts left the prison with a working knowledge of the industries taught them while in prison and how many of them employed themselves in such industries after release?

(3) Are convicts taught tailoring in the Central Prison?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The total number of prisoners employed in the Prison Press and Manufactory in 1101 was 52,183 and the average daily number was 179.

(2) Most of the long term prisoners had picked up a fair working knowledge of the industries in which they were employed, when they left the prison, but no information is available as to how many of them have employed themselves in such industries after release.

(3) A few convicts are taught tailoring in the Central Prison.

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